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SUBJECT: IVP GRANTEE LUIGI VERTEMATI

HEREWITH PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOR MILAN PROVINCIAL
SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER LUIGI VERTEMATI, MAR 27-APR 24.

1. IN THE COURSE OF THE 25 DAYS AVAILABLE TO HIM
VERTEMATI'S MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO OBSERVE U.S.
POLITICAL PROCESSES FROM GRASS ROOTS TO NATIONAL
LEVEL WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON WHAT HE TERMS
"FORMATION OF CONSENSUS." HE WISHES TO LEARN
ABOUT SOCIAL MOBILITY AND HOW LEADERS ARISE FROM
VARIOUS BACKGROUNDS TO TOP OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
DECISION-MAKING STRUCTURES. SUGGEST THEREFORE
CONTACTS WITH GOVERNMENT AND ELECTED OFFICIALS AT
VARIOUS LEVELS, MEETINGS WITH POLITICAL SCIENTISTS,
EXPOSURE TO ELECTORAL PROCESS (POSSIBLY FIRSTHAND
OBSERVATION OF PRIMARY ELECTION CAMPAIGN), AND
VISIT TO AGRICULTURAL AND MEDIUM-SIZED INDUSTRIAL
AREAS FOR OBSERVATION OF MAJOR SOCIAL CONCERNS
OF COMMUNITIES AND HOW THOSE CONCERNS TRANSLATE
INTO POLITICAL ISSUES.

2. ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE WOULD BE VISIT TO CITY

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OF MILWAUKEE OR HARTFORD, CITIES WHICH WE BELIEVE

HAVE HAD TRADITION OF SOCIALIST MAYORS. ALSO
SUGGEST CONTACTS WITH POLITICAL ELEMENTS IN
POPULIST TRADITION OF WISCONSIN.

3. VERTEMATI MOST INTERESTED IN HALF DAY OR MORE
VISIT TO MEDIUM-SIZED AMERICAN NEWSPAPER FOR
DISCUSSION OF HOW IT RELATES TO PUBLIC OPINION.
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL TO SHOW
INDEPENDENCE FROM POLITICAL PARTIES AND BUSINESS
INTERESTS OF PRESS AND TRADITION OF AGGRESSIVE
AMERICAN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING WHICH IS IN
MARKED CONTRAST WITH ITALIAN TRADITION. SUGGEST
PAPER OF TYPE ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH, MILWAUKEE JOURNAL
OR ATLANTA CONSTITUTION. VISIT TO MIDDLE-SIZED
T.V. STATIONS WOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST, POSSIBLY
LOCAL EDUCATION T.V. OUTLET, WITH OPPORTUNITY
TO LEARN OF POTENTIAL OF CABLE T.V. ASK
BILTCHIK PARA 13.

4. VERTEMATI WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RELATE HIS LABOR
UNION EXPERIENCE TO AMERICAN EQUIVALENT. FOR
THIS HE SHOULD HAVE TWO-THREE DAY VISIT WITH
MEDIUM SCALE INDUSTRIAL UNION, PREFERABLY ONE IN
INDUSTRY EMPLOYING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. WHILE
IN SMALL INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY VERTEMATI SHOULD
HAVE CHANCE TO OBSERVE EXTENT OF LABOR MOBILITY
AND OUR SYSTEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, RETRAINING
AND RELOCATION WHICH SHARPLY CONTRASTS WITH
LIMITED MOBILITY OF ITALIAN LABOR FORCE. TO SEE
THIS, SUGGEST DISCUSSIONS WITH LABOR AND INDUSTRY
REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE WORKED OUT MAJOR INDUSTRIAL
TRANSFORMATION INVOLVING SHIFTING OF LABOR
FORCE, CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITH HELP
OF RETRAINING PROGRAMS BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE.

5. ANOTHER PROBLEM OF INTEREST IS THAT OF HIGHER
EDUCATION. GRANTEE SHOULD VISIT AT LEAST ONE
MAJOR UNIVERSITY PREFERABLY WITH CAMPUS E.G.
PART OF S.U.N.Y. SYSTEM FOR OVERVIEW OF HOW IT
FUNCTIONS AND RELATES TO COMMUNITY. ADMISSIONS
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POLICIES ESPECIALLY RELATED TO MINORITY GROUPS,
EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE RACIAL BALANCE, ACADEMIC
STANDARDS, AND ATTEMPTS TO MAKE STUDIES RELEVANT
TO URBAN SOCIAL NEEDS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT
THEMES.

6. VISIT TO AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY WOULD ALSO BE
APPRECIATED SINCE VERTEMATI HAS SIGNIFICANT

RURAL CONSTITUENCY AND WISHES TO OBSERVE SOCIAL CONCERNS, POLITICS AND FARM POLICY AT RURAL LEVEL.

7. IN WASHINGTON GRANTEE SHOULD HAVE CONTACTS WITH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND WITH AFL/CIO TO GET PROSPECTIVE ON NATIONAL POLITICS AND LABOR ISSUES. PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT HE BE ABLE TO LEARN OF ROLE OF U.S. TRADE UNIONS IN PUBLIC POLICY BEYOND WAGES AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT. HE SHOULD MEET MEMBERS AND STAFF OF BOTH HOUSES TO DISCUSS HIS INTERESTS. SUGGESTED APPOINTMENTS IN PARA 13. HOPEFULLY HE COULD LATER VISIT HOME DISTRICT OF ONE OR MORE CONGRESSMEN FOR INSIGHT INTO GRASS ROOTS POLITICAL SITUATION.

8. U.S. RACIAL PROBLEMS, POORLY UNDERSTOOD HERE, ARE ALSO OF INTEREST TO VERTEMATI WHO SHOULD BE PUT IN TOUCH WITH LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS AND GAIN INSIGHT INTO PROGRESS MADE AND TECHNIQUES USED TO MEET HIS PROBLEM. PROBLEMS OF MIGRANT MINORITIES OF HIGH INTEREST TO MILAN LEADERS BECAUSE MASS MOVEMENT OF RURAL WORKERS FROM SOUTH TO INDUSTRIAL CENTERS OF NORTH. VERTEMATI WOULD PROFIT FROM CONTACTS WITH TRADE UNIONS OR SOCIAL AGENCIES IN CITIES COPING WITH SIMILAR SHIFT IN RURAL POPULATION.

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9. OTHER CUTTING EDGE VOLUNTEER SOCIAL MOVEMENTS SUCH AS U.S. CONSUMER MOVEMENT, ENVIRONMENTALIST GROUPS, WOMEN'S RIGHT MOVEMENTS, STUDENT MOVEMENTS INVOLVED IN POLITICAL PROCESS OF ELECTING LOCAL CANDIDATES, AND LIKE QUESTIONS WOULD BE OF GREAT INTEREST.

10. SOCIALIST PARTY GENERALLY SKEPTICAL OF U.S. ECONOMIC POLICY AND ITS SUPPOSED HARMFUL EFFECT ON AMERICAN WORKING PEOPLE. EXPOSURE TO GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO HELP UNDERPRIVILEGED COULD HELP CORRECT DISTORTED IMAGE AS WOULD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS MACROECONOMIC CYCLICAL POLICY WITH BROOKINGS OR IN U.S.G.

11. SUGGEST IT INERARY INCLUDE NEW YORK AND BOSTON, WISCONSIN AND ONE SOUTHERN STATE (POSSIBLE GEORGIA OR NORTH CAROLINA), AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

12. VERTEMATI WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE DAY HERE AND THERE FOR VISIT TO NATIONAL PARK, HOMESTAY, AND AN EVENING OR TWO OF POP MUSIC (JAZZ). COMMUNITY CULTURAL GROUPS ALSO OF INTEREST, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH SUBSTANTIAL GRASS ROOTS VOLUNTEER SUPPORT.

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13. REQUEST APPOINTMENTS WITH FOLLOWING TO WHOM I WILL SEND PERSONAL INTRODUCTIONS:

MICHAEL ELY, S/P, STATE
ROBERT BARBOUR, EUR/WE, STATE
RICHARD SCAMMON
SEN. CHARLES MATHIAS (MD)
SEN. JOHN CULVER (IOWA)
SCOTT COHEN, ADMINISTRATIVE ASISTANT TO SE. PERCY
DANIEL MINCHEW, ADM. ASST. TO SEN. TALMADGE
CONG. SAM GIBBONS (FLORIDA)
CONG. DON FRASER (MINN)
CONG. BEN ROSENTHAL (NY)
CONG. BARBER CONABLE (NY)
CONG. JAMES CORMAN (CAL.)
HENRY OWNE - BROOKINGS
DAVID BILTCHIC, CARNEGIE FOUNDATION, WASHDC
HARRY BOARDMAN, SALK INSTITUTE, LA JOLLA, CALIF.

IF TRAVEL PLANNED FOR CONSTITUENCIES OF ANY
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS LISTED ABOVE, PROGRAM AGENCY

SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO ASK SUGGESTIONS OR COOPERATION
OF THOSE LISTED.

14. VISITOR WILL REQUIRE INTERPRETER-ESCORT. HE
HAS NO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS AND WOULD LIKE
VIGOROUS FAIRLY INTENSE SCHEDULE TO ALLOW FOR
MAXIMUM EXPLOITATION OF VISIT. VERTEMATI IS
LIKABLE, FRIENDLY, OPEN TO NEW IDEAS, VERY
CURIOUS ABOUT U.S. AND HAS ALREADY GIVEN MUCH
THOUGHT TO HIS TRAVEL OBJECTIVES WHICH WE REFLECT
ABOVE. HE IS A HARD DRIVER, INTELLIGENT, OBSERVANT
AND SELF-EDUCATED LEADER LIKELY TO GO FAR IN
ITALIAN PUBLIC LIFE.FINA

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